

MORE CROOKEDNESS.

Where Has All the Money from Our Markets Gone?

Comptroller Myers Calls on Inspector Byrnes.

What Startling Things Could Not Those Missing Books Reveal?

Hundreds of thousands of dollars may have been stolen from the city through the medium of the Market Bureau of the Finance Department.

This the Commissioners of Accounts have ascertained in their examination of the Bureau books which were kept in such a way that it is impossible to say whether any, or if any, how much, money has been misappropriated.

Everything points, however, to a big leak in the city revenue in this Bureau. A comparison of the market revenues in the three years of the worst reign of corrupt office New York ever knew with those of recent years shows that Tweed, Connolly and their ring turned in more money for the rent of markets than their successors.

This, too, with Jefferson, Washington and Fulton Markets rebuilt and greatly increased market facilities furnished since their administration. No record of the rents charged in the several markets on file in the Finance Department, and the Commissioners of Accounts find it impossible to ascertain what the actual revenue to the city should be from this source.

The collectors even confess to a very lax system. They acknowledge that, without authority, they introduced a sliding scale of rents, lowering and raising it at will, and whenever they pleased, probably according as business was good or bad.

In some cases arrears of more than a year are noted against stallholders in the collectors' books, when they were supposed to make collections every two weeks.

This was notably the case with a Jefferson Market dealer, who is charged with \$500 arrears of rent.

Commissioner Barker said to-day: "Our opinion is that these alleged 'arrearages' do not exist."

We cannot understand how a tenant of the city should be allowed to hold possession of a stand a year without paying any rent, and a very much as though these large arrears represent the amounts which the collectors simply did not turn into the city.

The only way of informing ourselves on this subject and also on the subject of rates of rent is to examine the stallholders, and this we propose doing.

We are going to the bottom of this market business, if the small amount of money for the maintenance of our office holds out.

Chief Inspector Byrnes, who was called in early in the week to assist in recovering the missing books, held a consultation with the Commissioners of Accounts this morning.

That these particular books contain evidence of fraud there is little doubt in the mind of the Commissioners, who rather despair of finding them, however, for they believe that the parties interested have destroyed them.

Comptroller Myers, who is now as greatly interested in discovering and punishing the frauds in the Market Bureau as the Commissioners of Accounts, was in consultation with Chief Inspector Byrnes yesterday and it is understood that the Inspector is devoting himself personally to the work of unearthing the frauds.

Collector David Barrett, who collects the wagon fees in West Washington Market, called on Commissioner Holahan this morning and claimed that a great infidelity had been done him in relation to the manner in which he has performed his duties.

He claimed that he had turned in all of the money collected, and said that there were many ways when there were losses at the wagon market. He said that he could not make the farmers come.

This explanation did not satisfy the Commissioners, who claim to have information to the effect that a fair daily average of wagon fees is \$100, and Barrett turns in an amount as large as this very seldom, and sometimes makes returns of less than \$2.

Superintendent of Markets, Daly is introducing a system whereby the wagon tickets are doled out to the collectors and are accounted for every day.

He said to-day that he hoped to have his new system of bookkeeping ready in about two weeks.

Clerks from other bureaus of the Finance Department are temporarily filling the positions from which William Laughlin and Cooper were removed yesterday.

The Comptroller has removed Clerk of Markets Wolman because of his continued illness. He did not wish to remove him for receiving bribes, as Mr. Wolman is not in charge which developed on the investigation.

A CORNER IN MICE.
A Peculiar Result of the "Pigs in Clover" Craze.

The "pigs" in "Pigs in Clover" are the ordinary marbles, or "mice," with which the festive small boy doth disport himself in the Springtime, and thereby hangs a tale.

There are nearly thirty thousand of these fascinating puzzles manufactured daily, and as there are four pigs for each one, the enormous number of 115,200 marbles are used daily in making up the pigging-out.

This phenomenal demand for the little puzzles consequent upon the advent of the new puzzle has caused the dealers in marbles and those having a supply on hand to become playful, and the price has doubled already and is still rising, and efforts are being made to "corner" the market.

This does "Pigs in Clover" cause other pigs to fasten upon the student of the craze. This glorious country has been treated to corners of all kinds, but a corner in "mice" is unique.

Juvenile Clothes-Line Thieves.
Henry Horne, of 200 East Eighty-eighth street; Edward Cloney, of 1585 Second avenue; Francis Lynch, of 106 East Eighty-eighth street, and Henry Bowler, of 1547 Fourth avenue, whose names range from eleven to fifteen years, were held for examination in the Harlem Police Court this morning on the charge of stealing clothes from the roofs of flat houses in Harlem. Bowler was discharged for lack of evidence.

Need Not Raise Empty World Berths.
SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.
Chicago, March 29.—The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that the Railroad Commissioners cannot compel the Pullman Car Company to raise upper berths in their sleepers in cases where only the lower ones are occupied.

The Coming Six-Day Race.
Arrangements have all been completed for the last six-day go-as-you-please race to be held in Madison Square Garden. The race will be under the management of Billy O'Brien and will begin on May 3, ending May 11. The contest open to all contestants of the world, entrance fee \$30 and 50 per cent. of the gate money to be divided among the contestants who cover 320 miles, with 40 per cent. to the winner; entries to close May 1.

Under the New Postmaster-General.
[From the Philadelphia Record.]
Some country store, post-office in corner. Enter Mr. Partridge (a Philadelphia drummer)—Can I show you anything to-day?

Mr. Robert White Postmaster and country storekeeper—Now, do you want nothing to-day? Partridge (closing sample case)—All right; but first time I'm in Washington I'll see your boss in regard to your term of office.

White in terror—Hold on, mister. I do want twenty pieces of calico, some gaudies and fifty pairs 10-cent socks.

Partridge (outside, with a broad grin)—That fetches 'em every time. My fortune's made.

An Unearthly Age.
[From the Philadelphia Record.]
Ignatius Donnelly (regarding with horror a great pile of unsold books)—Nine-tenths of the graves of the world are filled with unutilized books.

His Publisher (sadly)—Yes, yes, my poor friend, I'm afraid most of the fools are dead.

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